

SELF ADVOCACY COUNCIL VI

MISSION

The Council was created in May, 1992, by consumers at an area self advocacy meeting, and serves Area VI - Amador, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne counties.

Two representatives from each self advocacy chapter in area VI can serve on the Council. Area VI's representative to Valley Mountain Regional Center, the Area VI Developmental Disabilities Board, People First of California, and the Department of Developmental Services Consumer Advisory Committee are also a members of the Council.

Only members of self advocacy groups are members of the Council.

The mission of the Council is:

- Learn about issues that impact the lives of people with developmental disabilities.
- Tell the self advocacy groups about important issues.
- Find out what the self advocacy groups think about important issues.
- Find out what self advocates want in their lives.
- Talk to people who make decisions for people with developmental disabilities, including VMRC and the Area Board, and tell them what self advocates want.
- Help the self advocacy movement grow.